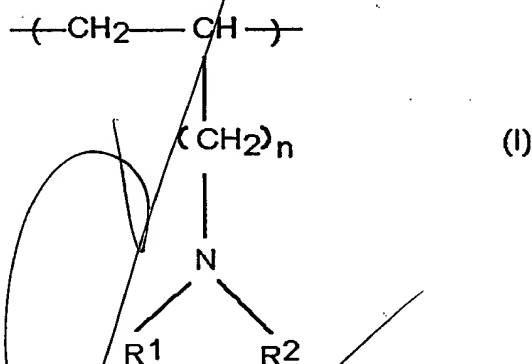


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Claim 22

An ink set comprising a black ink, a yellow ink, a cyan ink, and a magenta ink, said black, yellow, cyan, and magenta inks each independently comprising an alkali-soluble colorant, a water-soluble organic solvent, water, and a cationic, water-soluble resin,

the cationic, water-soluble resin comprising a repeating unit represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R¹ and R² which may be the same or different represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₅ alkyl group, provided that R¹ and R² do not simultaneously represent a hydrogen atom; and

n is 0, 1, or 2.

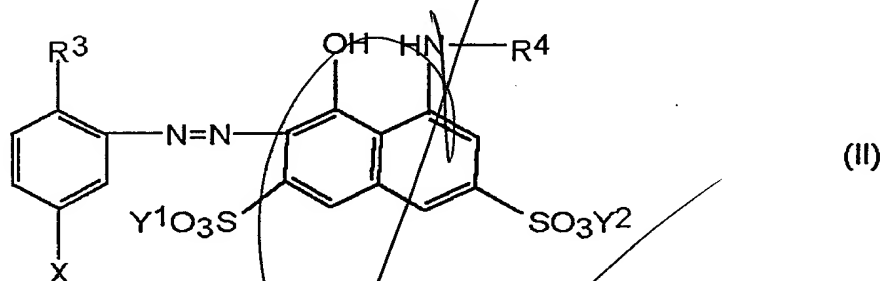
the black ink comprising a colorant selected from the group of dyes consisting of C.I. Direct Black 19, 35, 154, 168, 171, and 195 and C.I. Food Black 2,

the yellow ink comprising a colorant selected from the group of dyes consisting

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of C.I. Direct Yellow 50, 55, 86, 132, 142, and 144 and C.I. Acid Yellow 23,

the cyan ink comprising a colorant selected from the group of dyes consisting of C.I. Direct Blue 86, 87, and 199 and C.I. Acid Blue 9 and 249,

the magenta ink comprising a colorant selected from the group of dyes consisting of C.I. Direct Red 9 and 227, C.I. Acid Red 52 and 289, and dyes represented by the following structural formula (II):



wherein R³ and R⁴ represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₅ alkyl group, an aryl group, a C₁₋₅ alkoxy group, or a phenoxy group or a derivative thereof, a triazine ring or a derivative thereof, a carboxyl group or a salt thereof, or a sulfonyl group or a derivative thereof;

X represents a hydrogen or halogen atom; and

Y¹ and Y² which may be the same or different represent an alkali metal atom ammonium, or a C₁₋₅ alkylammonium.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 8" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 10, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 9" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 11, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 10" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 13, line 5 after "to" delete "any one of claims 1 to 11" and insert -- claim 1--

Claim 16, lines 1 and 2 after "to" delete "any one of claims 13 to 15" and insert --claim 13--

A2 Claim 17 (amended) The ink set according to [any one of the claims 16,] claim 16,
wherein the [colorant contained in the] second ink composition [is] comprises a pigment.

Claim 18, lines 1 - 2

after "to" delete "any one of claims 13 to 15" and insert --claim 13--

Claim 19, line 2

after "composition" insert -- according to claim 1 --

line 3

after "medium" delete "," (comma)

lines 4 - 7

delete in entirety

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Claim 20 (amended)

An ink jet recording method comprising the step of: ejecting and depositing droplets of [an ink composition] each of the black, yellow, cyan, and magenta inks of ^{claim 22} ~~the ink set of claim 12~~ onto a recording medium to form an image on the recording medium[.]

[wherein the ink composition according to any one of claims 1 to 11 or the ink composition in the ink set according to any one of claims 12 to 18 is used as the ink composition].

Claim 21, line 2

after "19" delete "or 20"

REMARKS

The Official Action of April 23, 1999 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies, but the recitations in the claims remain unchanged. The amendment to the claims removes the basis for the Examiner's objection at paragraph 1 of the Official Action.